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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed on 2/19/2008 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because independent claims 21, 24, and 25 [with respective dependent claims 22-23] respectively include the limitations of "based on an instruction of a target area to be decoded in an image", "a registration step of specifying a portion", "management tables for managing each tile", "a table updating step of updating", "a determination step based on the management", "a deletion step of deleting", etc., which are all elements of a non-elected invention.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, **applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BERNARD KRASNIC whose telephone number is (571)270-1357. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur 8:00am-4:00pm and every other Friday 8:00am-3:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh M. Mehta can be reached on (571) 272-7453. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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